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SUBJECT: PROPOSED RENOVATION OF CHANCERY TO ACCOMMODATE
THE COMMERCIAL SECTION

REF: STOCKHOLM 1557

1. THREE BIDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED ON THE PROPOSED RENOVATION OF THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS OF THE CHANCERY TO ACCOMMODATE THE COMMERCIAL SECTION. THE LOWEST OF THESE BIDS IS BY A FIRM CALLED SVEBA IN THE AMOUNT OF 184,600 SKR (DOLLARS 39,870). IN ADDITION, CARPETING WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL RENOVATED AREAS. THE ESTIMATED COST FOR CARPETING IS DOLLARS 8,900. THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE RENOVATION AND CARPETING DOLLARS 48,770.

2. A COPY OF SVEBA'S BID AND ACCOMPANYING DIAGRAMS HAS BEEN SENT TODAY VIA INTERNATIONAL AIRMAIL. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PROPOSED RENOVATION PERMITS TOILET FACILITIES FOR THE COMMERCIAL SECTION AND LABOR OFFICES ON THE GROUND FLOOR ONLY. THE TOILET FACILITIES ON THE SECOND FLOOR WILL BE LOCATED BEHIND THE DAO'S CYPHER LOCKED DOORS AND WILL BE ACCESSIBLE ONLY TO DAO PERSONNEL.

4. AT THIS LATE DATE IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET THE JUNE 30 DEADLINE. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE TOTAL RENOVATION WILL TAKE APPR. 45 DAYS FROM THE TIME THE CONTRACTOR BEGINS WORK. (ONCE UNCLASSIFIED

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APPROVAL IS GRANTED HE WILL NEED APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK TO ASSEMBLE THE MATERIALS). PROVIDED APPROVAL AND FUNDING IS RECEIVED IN APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK, THE JOB COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED O/A THE MIDDLE OF JULY.

5. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED INFORMALLY BY THE LANDLORD OF THE TRADE CENTER, THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO EXTEND THE LEASE UNTIL THE

END OF AUGUST AT A RENTAL OF APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE PRESENT RATE WHICH WOULD DELETE ALL OF THE EXHIBITION HALL AREA.

6. THE DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT IS REQUESTED TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR RENOVATION AND CARPETING AS WELL AS A TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF THE PRESENT TRADE CENTER LEASE AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 13,380 FOR THE ADDITIONAL TWO MONTHS. MOVING COSTS ARE ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY 2,000 DOLLARS. BOTH OF THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE POST'S FINANCIAL PLAN. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE RENTAL STATED IN THE POST'S FINANCIAL PLAN HAS NOW BEEN REDUCED IN HALF AS INDICATED IN PARA 5 ABOVE.

7. TELEPHONE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SUBMITTED BY SEPTTEL.

8. THE REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER HAS DETERMINED THAT THIS WORK CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY A LOCAL CONTRACTOR.
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